

see, before Talmadge made it an issue, the Park Service was using the two surviving slave quarters as a storage facility, erasing the significance of these two buildings and the story of slavery at Arlington House.

It is not uncommon to find some of Virginia's historic plantations beautifully restored, but with all traces of its slave history removed, as if that peculiar institution never existed. We could not undo what these owners did to erase the vestiges of slavery from their grounds, but we were not going to let the National Park Service get away with it.

I made sure the Park Service had the funds and the instructions from Congress to restore the slave quarters.

Today, Talmadge's work is now on display at Arlington House. When Talmadge made his point, it had a lasting effect.

While I was on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee I made sure the history of the U.S. Capitol acknowledged the sweat and blood of the slaves who built it. Today, in the Capitol's new visitor center there is a memorial dedicated to the slaves who built the nation's house of democracy. For me, this memorial also honors my friend Talmadge Williams.

While we have faced some setbacks on acquiring the land for the Black Heritage Museum, I have no doubt it will be built.

You see, Talmadge is recruiting new allies in heaven to aid the cause. Though I am saddened by his death, I rejoice in knowing that Talmadge has transformed those around him directing us to a better, more just tomorrow.

He is a man who dared to make a difference, and I am so ever grateful I am among those he touched.

#### HONORING MS. CHERISSE MARSHALL

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Entrepreneur Ms. Cherisse Marshall from Lexington, Mississippi.

Cherisse Marshall was born in Chicago, IL and at an early age her parents moved to Flint, Michigan along with her other five siblings. She was raised in Flint, MI where she attended school. After graduating from high school, she later attended Ferris State University where she studied journalism. After graduating from Ferris State University, she later entered into the corporate world in an administrative support role that would be the beginning of a long rewarding career in administration.

After a few years of working at home in Flint, MI, she decided to relocate to Atlanta, Georgia where she continued to tune and develop her administrative expertise.

As a detail-oriented, results-oriented professional, she has effectively utilized her diverse skills to benefit companies in the engineering, financial, insurance, information technology, and advertising industries. Throughout her corporate career that spans over 17 years, she has provided diverse administrative support in the areas of office administration, customer support, contract administration, problem reso-

lution, information technology, project management, as well as everyday administrative support.

She later relocated to Lexington, Mississippi where she created OfficeStar Administrative Consulting, LLC to provide the same administrative expertise to entrepreneurs and small businesses to help them focus on growing their business instead of worrying about everyday administrative tasks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing entrepreneur for her dedication and service to her profession.

#### RECOGNIZING MR. BERNARD MAZZOCCHI ON HIS BIRTHDAY

#### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the many contributions of Bucks County businessman and entrepreneur, Bernard Mazzocchi, on the occasion of his birthday. As an entrepreneur, he has developed small businesses and properties, and revitalized aging buildings that have added to the economy and the quality of life in the Lower Bucks County community. Additionally, he uses his energy and drive as a volunteer on the local level. In this way, Bernard Mazzocchi represents American enterprise at its best, having worked his way up the ladder to success and always willing to give back. With a generous spirit, he contributes the benefit of his experience to civic, educational and charitable causes. In so doing, he has set an example of what it means to be a successful businessman and a good neighbor. We wish him continued success with our appreciation for his good work. Happy birthday and many more.

#### THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR SARAI MARTIN

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Sarai Martin on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of service in the United States Army.

Major Martin's distinguished military career began as a Private at Fort Benning, Georgia when he was only 17 years old. He served assignments throughout the United States and abroad as an enlisted Soldier, Non-Commissioned Officer and Commissioned Officer as well as enduring deployments to both Bosnia and Iraq.

Throughout his career, Major Martin continued to improve himself and rise through the ranks. After earning a college degree, Major Martin was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served in positions as varied as Company Commander for an Ordinance Company, a Military Transition Team advisor in Iraq, and eventually rose to become the Mobilization Chief in the Logistics Division of the National Guard Bureau's G4 department.

We owe Major Martin a debt of gratitude for his selfless devotion and years of service to

our nation. It is my true honor and privilege to recognize Major Sarai Martin for his distinguished career, and I offer him my best wishes for continued good health and success in the years to come.

#### HONORABLE PATRICK J. ROMA

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Patrick J. Roma who was celebrated in October for his retirement from judicial service by his friends, family, and coworkers. He retires after a long career in which he faithfully upheld New Jersey's Constitution.

The Honorable Patrick J. Roma received his undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University in 1971. He later received his law degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1975 and his L.L.M. Degree from New York University School of Law in 1981.

Early in Judge Roma's legal career, he worked as the late Judge John J. Cariddi's Law Secretary in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Judge Roma then went on to work at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma, P.C. where he worked as an attorney for over two decades. During this time, he also served as Prosecutor for the Boroughs of Palisades Park, Fairview, Little Ferry, Saddle Brook, Haworth, and Leonia.

During his time as Partner at Friedman, Pearlman & Roma, P.C., Judge Roma was elected as Council President and Police Commissioner for the Borough of Palisades Park. He served from January 1985 through December 1987. Thereafter, Judge Roma was elected as New Jersey's District 38 General Assemblyman from 1988 through 1997 during which time he served as Assistant Minority Whip and Assistant Minority Leader.

As an Assemblyman, Judge Roma received a number of awards. He was awarded Legislator of the Year by Local 518 the Motor Vehicle Employees Union in 1993, and Shelter Our Sisters and the Italian American Police Society both in 1994, as well as, Man of the Year by New Jersey AFL-CIO in 1995 and Parole Officers Association in 1991.

Judge Roma received a Distinguished Service Award presented by Consul General Franco Mistretta, on behalf of the Italian Government, in recognition of his outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the Italian-American community from Ambassador Boris Biancheri, Ambassador of Italy to the United States.

Judge Roma was appointed in 1997 to the Superior Court of New Jersey by Governor Christie Todd Whitman and reappointed with tenure in 2003 by Governor James McGreevy. He has served on the bench in the Criminal Division of the Bergen Vicinage.

Having served alongside Judge Roma in the State Assembly, I know personally of his dedicated and hardworking nature. Judge Roma has made an outstanding mark on Bergen County with his compassionate nature and passion for upholding justice.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating